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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: HERBERT LEO PALM

REF: STATE 098751

1. U.S. ATTORNEY HAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON INCIDENT IN PARIS ALLEGED BY PALM IN HIS LAWSUIT AGAINST DEPARTMENT AND CERTAIN PRESENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES.

2. PALM ALLEGES THAT ON JUNE 12, 1967, HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT PALAIS DE JUSTICE IN PARIS WHERE HE HAD GONE TO FILE COMPLAINT THAT RESTAURANTS IN PARIS WERE PUTTING HARMFUL LAXATIVES IN HIS FOOD. HE THEN ALLEGES HE WAS "PUT BY THE CRIMINAL POLICE INTO SAINTE ANNE MENTAL HOSPITAL IN PARIS WITH THE CONSENT OF OFFICIALS OF THE DEFENDANT UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PARIS, WHO HAD NEVER SEEN THE PLAINTIFF (PALM) NOR TALKED WITH HIM. THE PURPOSE WAS TO DEPORT THE PLAINTIFF TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THE UNITED STATES." U.S. CONSUL MARY CHIAVARINI VISITED PALM, HE ALLEGES, AND PROMISED TO GET HIM RELEASED IN A FEW DAYS BUT DID NOT
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REAPPEAR FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND THEN TOLD PALM HE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THE UNITED STATES. PALM THEN ALLEGES THIS LAST WAS PART OF EMBASSY CONSPIRACY TO GET PALM INCARCERATED.

3. THRUST OF THESE ALLEGATIONS IS THAT EMBASSY PARIS TOOK ACTIVE OR CONSENTING ROLE WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN

DETENTION AND COMMITMENT TO SAINTE ANNE. U.S. ATTORNEY
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT EMBASSY FILES SHOW ABOUT THIS
OCCASION AND ROLE OF EMBASSY OFFICERS. PLEASE CABLE
DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

4. ALSO, PLEASE CHECK FILES AND ADVISE IF ANY CLAIM FOR
DAMAGES HAS BEEN FILED BY PALM WITH EMBASSY. VANCE

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